Media Statement

WA Council of State School Organisations Inc.

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WACSSO supports clear guidance on smart glasses in schools

The WA Council of State School Organisations (WACSSO) welcomes the Department of Education's decision to introduce a consistent approach to the use of smart glasses across public schools from the beginning of Term 4.

As technology continues to evolve, schools are increasingly being asked to navigate new challenges around privacy, safety and wellbeing. Smart glasses can record audio and video, livestream content and access artificial intelligence functions, often without others being aware.

WACSSO President Pania Turner said public schools should be places where students, staff and families feel safe, respected and confident that their privacy is protected.

"Families rightly expect school communities to be safe and trusted environments. As technologies become more sophisticated, it's important that schools, families and visitors have clear and consistent expectations around their use."

"This approach provides certainty for school communities and supports schools to focus on what matters most: creating positive learning environments where students can thrive."

WACSSO acknowledges that some people rely on technology for medical, accessibility and assistive technology purposes and welcomes the provision of exemptions where appropriate.

"It's important that any approach remains practical and inclusive. We are pleased to see exemptions available for approved medical, accessibility and assistive technology purposes."

WACSSO will continue working with P&Cs and school communities to help affiliates understand what the changes mean in practice ahead of their commencement on 12 October 2026.

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Relevant Links

Department of Education CEO Instruction: Ban on smart glasses - school premises: CEO Instruction: Ban on smart glasses - school premises - Policies - Department of Education

About WACSSO

The Western Australian Council of State School Organisations (WACSSO) is the peak body representing parents of public school students in Western Australia.

The organisation provides advice and services to more than 650 Parents and Citizens Associations (P&Cs) in Western Australia, and represents public school parents to decision-makers and organisations at State and National levels.

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